

Approved: Meeting No. 40-88

ATTEST: *Margaret R. Gearin*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 26-88

May 31, 1988

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in General Session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, May 31, 1988, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilman Stephen N. Abrams

Councilman James F. Coyle

Councilwoman Viola D. Hovsepian

Councilman David Robbins

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: City Attorney Paul T. Glasgow, City Clerk Margaret R. Gearin, and Acting City Manager Rick W. Kuckkahn.

Re: A Public Hearing on the Proposed
Operating Budget and Capital
Improvements Program

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed Operating Budget and the Capital Improvements Program. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other person wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed with the record to be left open for one week until June 6th at 5:00 p.m. The public hearing adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Re: Citizens Forum

1. Richard M. Resnick, 953 Farm Haven Drive, representing North Farm Citizens Association reported that the Montgomery County Department of Transportation has recommended that a traffic light not be installed at Farm

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Haven Drive and Montrose Road and asked the Mayor and Council to write a letter to the Department of Transportation in support of a traffic light at this intersection as provided for in the Rockville Master Plan.

The Mayor asked for an FYI item for the June 13th meeting outlining the County's approach to signaling the intersections on Montrose Road.

Re: Correspondence/FYI

1. Councilman Coyle commented on FYI No. 6 regarding current Factors Affecting Long Term indebtedness from Joe R. Coates, Financial Management Consultant and suggested that additional information is available from the National League of Cities.

2. Councilwoman Hovsepian congratulated Jim Fitzgerald, assistant water plant superintendent who has been selected to receive the Maryland Delaware - D.C. Water and Wastewater Association's McClean Bingley Water Operator of the Year Award.

Councilwoman Hovsepian also congratulated the Department of Public Works Motor Vehicle Department and its mechanics who designed equipment to test the operation of the wet clutch system of a Backhoe 597 although the engineers at the Factory said it could not be done.

Re: New Business

The Mayor and Council thanked the staff for the successful Memorial Day Parade. Councilman Abrams commended the staff for the excellent quality and member of participants in the Memorial Day Parade and offered the following comments. He believes that the change in parade route to N. Washington Street minimized the attendance at the wreath laying ceremonies as well as the festivities in Court House Square at the end of the parade and since the City has a major investment at Court House Square, would like staff to reexamine

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the choice of parade route next year.

Councilwoman Hovsepian added that while Court House Square is a nice area, it was easier for the parade group to perform before the reviewing stand on N. Washington Street.

Councilman Robbins suggested having a descriptive marquee at the entrances to Court House Square near the street announcing the activities that are taking place there.

Mayor Duncan commended the staff, Greg Bayor and Monica Bates, for the "best parade in the City" especially the quality of the floats. He also liked the N. Washington Street route with the reviewing stand in the middle of the parade route but was concerned with the lack of people both before and after the parade in Court House Square and suggested moving the wreath laying to the new reviewing stand or vice versa. In addition he suggested presenting the Grand Marshall a plaque before the parade.

Councilman Abrams, in reference to the Budget, asked the staff for additional information on budget requests that involve cross jurisdictional issues and how they relate to City Funding. On dual taxation proposals, there may be a misconception about Rockville paying for services.

Councilman Coyle asked if the staff would be analyzing the proposals presented at this public hearing, and the Mayor requested a full list of tonight's requests with staff recommendations.

2. The Mayor asked that a letter concerning METRO parking be prepared for him to send to Robert S. McGarey, Director, Department of Transportation, Montgomery County.

Re: Executive Session

On the motion of Councilman Coyle, duly seconded and passed by unanimous

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vote of all present the meeting was closed for Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in Executive Session, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m. to convene again in Work Session on June 1st or at the call of the Mayor.